GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Prosecution – AIS – Sri Sagili Shan Mohan, IAS, Additional Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada – Permission under Section 199 (4) (b) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for filing complaint by the Public Prosecutor in a competent court of law against the Editor of 'Sakshi' daily Newspaper for publishing baseless allegation against him Accorded – Orders – Issued.

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GENERAL ADMN.(SC-E)DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 955 Dated: 02-05-2018

Read:

E-office file received from Sri Sagili Shan Mohan, IAS, Additional Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada.

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ORDER:

In the file read above, Sri Sagili Shan Mohan, IAS, Additional Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada, has informed that an adverse news item was published in Sakshi Newspaper on 15-3-2018 wherein it was deceitfully mentioned his name stating that he worked as Land acquisition Officer, "not disclosed the details of Land proposed to be acquired for rehabilitation, not conducted Grama Sabhas as per Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA Act) and not considered the cases pending before the Girijan Tribunal, connived with Kakarla Suresh through Dr. Sreedhar Cherukuri, IAS, Commissioner, APCRDA and swallowed the compensation of Tribal people" in Polavaram land acquisition under R&R package.

2. Sri Sagili Shan Mohan, IAS, Additional Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada, has also informed that the provisions of PESA act were implemented in true letter and spirit with dedication. With the concerted efforts of his team, the Land acquisition work was completed in record time of 120 days in 3 spells and 28000 acres were acquired peacefully. Grama Sabhas were conducted in all the villages where Land acquisition was proposed and every step was taken with transparency and diligence. All the provisions of Land Acquisition Act 2013 and PESA Act were complied with and the available records will speak the facts. Thus the allegations that gram Sabhas were not conducted and the PESA Act was not followed are false. Similarly, the cases quoted in the adverse News item have outlived their utility as they were disposed by the Tribunal much before the Acquisition. With reference to another false allegation that he connived with Kakarla Suresh Kumar, Co-brother of Dr Sreedhar Cherukuri, IAS, he has informed that he never had a contact with Dr. Sreedhar Cherukuri, IAS, while working as Project Officer, I.T.D.A., K.R. Puram. On his joining in APCRDA in the month of December, 2017, he has met him for the first time. He had not entertained Kakarla Suresh Kumar in the process as alleged. Sri Kakarla Suresh Kumar was one of the land owners from whom land was taken under Land acquisition along with thousands of other farmers.

3. Sri Sagili Shan Mohan, IAS, Additional Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada, has also informed that he discharged his duties as Sub-Collector and Land Acquistion Officer with utmost diligence and integrity and strived hard for the welfare of Tribal people as Project Officer, I.T.D.A., K.R.Puram and rendered justice to the stake holders. The allegations are false and far from truth and are painful. He further informed that it is an established practice in the day to day publication of news that if any adverse information is received by the Press, it is minimum courtesy to contact the respective person and seek his clarification if any on such information. Only, on receiving such clarification, the news can be published. But at no point of time it has not been observed by them and the news contributor has just simply gathered Gossip and cooked the news as per his whims and fancies and published the news item which is baseless and false.

4. Sri Sagili Shan Mohan, IAS, Additional Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada, has requested to accord permission to file defamation case against the Sakshi Newspaper for publishing such baseless, heinous, allegations against him causing damage to his personal repute.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter and all the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said news items containing the allegations under the above captions and also makes imputations against the public servant namely Sri Sagili Shan Mohan, IAS, Additional Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada, appear to be defamatory in nature and likely to cause harm to the reputation of the officer beyond redemption, and also ruin the prestige and dignity of the officer very badly, and it is expedient to launch necessary prosecution against the Chief Editor of "Sakshi" Telugu Daily Newspaper in a Court of competent jurisdiction.

6. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 199 (4) (b) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, Government hereby, accord sanction to the concerned Public Prosecutor to make a complaint before the competent Court against the Editor of 'Sakshi' daily Newspaper for publishing baseless allegation on implementation R & R Package to the displaced person under Polavaram Irrigation Project.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DINESH KUMAR
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Sagili Shan Mohan, IAS,
Additional Commissioner,
APCRDA, Vijayawada

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